

MINUTES.

English Evangelical Lutheran Synod
of the Northwest.

Second Annual Meeting,

St. John's Church, Duluth, Minn.,

June 22-26, A. D. 1892.

PRESERVE THE MINUTES FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

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St. John's Church, Duluth.



St. John's occupies a fine lot, in the very centre of Duluth, opposite the new High School building, corner of Lake Avenue and Third Street. It was begun in the spring of 1891 and dedicated Nov. 22d. It is a frame structure of Romanesque design, the round arched windows being filled with cathedral glass. It is 40 x 64 feet in size, with tower 80 feet high, and will seat 350 persons. Connected with the large audience room, there is in front an infant Sunday-school room, 12 x 20, and adjoining the roomy chancel a pastor's study. The parsonage stands on the rear of the lot facing Lake Avenue. The property is now valued at \$13,000.00.

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Opening Service.

The second Annual Meeting of the "English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest" was held in St. John's Church, Duluth, Minn., Rev. H. L. McMurray, pastor.

It was opened on Wednesday evening, June 22, with Divine Service according to the Order for Morning Service in the Church Book, the Secretary officiating. The President, Rev. George H. Gerberding, of Fargo, North Dakota, preached the Synodical Sermon on John xxi. 16: "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou Me?" The members of the Synod then partook of the Sacrament of the Altar.

First Session.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, DULUTH, MINN.,

THURSDAY, June 23, 9 A. M.

The first Business Session was opened by the President according to the prescribed Order of the Church Book, including Hymn 253.

The roll was called by parishes. The credentials of the Lay Delegates were handed in and referred to

a committee consisting of Rev. W. L. Smith, Rev. A. Steimle, and Mr. H. W. Knauff. On the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

the roll was finally made up. It shows an attendance of 7 Pastors, 5 Lay Delegates, representing 6 Parishes.

ROLL OF SYNOD.

PASTORS.	ORDAINED.	PARISHES.	LAY DELEGATES.
1. W. K. Frick.	1873	Church of Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis.	Albert C. Behne, Esq., a., e.
2. G. H. Gerberding.	1876	St. Mark's, Fargo, N. Dak.	Prof. E. D. Busby.
3. H. L. McMurray.	1877	St. John's, Duluth, Minn.	C. A. Holt, Esq.
4. A. J. D. Haupt.	1884	Memorial, St. Paul, Minn.	J. P. Carlson. Henry W. Knauff.
		St. Mark's, N. St. Paul, Minn.	No Delegate.
5. W. L. Smith.	1889	Trinity, W. St. Paul, Minn.	Henry Miller.
6. A. Steimle.	1891	(Associate Pastor of Memorial.)	
7. R. L. Leatherman	1891	Salem, Minneapolis, Minn.	Church not connected with Synod.

a., absent; e., excused.

The President read his annual report as follows:

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

Brethren in Christ :

In Convention assembled, for the first time since we completed our organization, our meeting is fraught with special interest, and it is only meet, right, and proper that

we should, first of all, gratefully recognize the loving kindness of Him by whose distinguishing mercy we are all again permitted to meet together. "Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, and His mercy endureth forever!"

Not one of those who met nine months ago to organize this Synod has fallen by the way. Neither has death or serious sickness entered into any of our households. All have been permitted to labor on in the Lord, and He has blessed our labors.

Our Churches have been prospered in material things. Debts have been paid or reduced, improvements have been made, and new houses of worship have been erected. This tasteful, commodious, and conspicuous house of worship, in which we are permitted to convene, is a substantial witness to progress and a prophecy of hope for other congregations.

In the work of gathering and strengthening the congregations there has also been encouraging progress. Our parochial tables will show advances all along the line, for which we thank God and take courage. True we are still young, small, and feeble. Neither can we report any gains in ministers or congregations. We believe, however, that there have been gains of the most vital and far-reaching consequence to our cause. These gains do not appear in our statistics and cannot be set forth in figures, but are going to count big for the Kingdom.

Our organization has forcibly called the attention of all the nationalities of our faith in this great Northwest to the need of English work in their churches. It has opened their eyes to see that there is danger of losing their youth on account of change of language. It has made them realize that their youth are worth keeping, and that they must make earnest efforts to hold them. It has demonstrated the fact there is a sound and aggressive English Lutheran Church.

Thus the influence of each one of our Ministers, Churches, and Sunday Schools has gone out into the regions round

about, and everywhere this English work is talked about. Partial or entire English Sunday Schools, as also occasional or regular English Services, have been established and are increasing among the non-English Lutherans, from the Lakes to the Missouri. God alone knows the importance of the silent seeding that has been thus going on. It augurs well for the future. It gives promise that the sad mistakes of the East are not going to be so largely repeated in the West. The faith of the fathers must be propagated and maintained in the language of the children.

An event that promises great things for our English work in the Northwest was the opening and successful operation during the first year of the Chicago Theological Seminary. We are confident that all the students of that institution will be prepared to minister in holy things in the language of the land, and that all will be so imbued with a missionary spirit that they will realize that the mission of the Lutheran Church is Missions. This School of the Prophets has a special claim on the interest, the prayers, and the benefactions of our Synod. May God's richest blessings ever be upon it.

Although our Synod is small, the President's office is no sinecure. He has traveled, during the nine months, between eight and nine thousand miles. Most of this journeying to and fro was in the direct interest of our Synod. All of it in the interests of English Lutheran work in the Northwest.

Your President has visited and endeavored to encourage every congregation in our body except one. The one was not visited for reasons stated below.

Two Churches were consecrated since our organization, as follows:

On the evening of Thursday, September 24, 1891, your President consecrated St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, North St. Paul. The sermon was preached by Rev. W. K. Frick. The Pastor *loci*, Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, and Rev. H. L. McMurray assisted in the services.

On Sunday, November 22, 1891, St. John's English Lutheran Church, Duluth, in which we are now assembled, was consecrated. Your President preached the sermon, and the Pastor *loci*, Rev. H. L. McMurray, performed the act of consecration. The solemn services of that glad day were also participated in by Revs. G. H. Trabert and C. J. Collin, of the Swedish Augustana Synod, and Rev. P. Nilsen, of the United Norwegian Lutheran Church. The brethren Smith and Steimle also preached in connection with the dedication.

Your President attended the Convention of the General Council, which met in Buffalo, N. Y., beginning October 15, 1891. He was the only representative of our Synod in attendance. He handed in his credentials, the Constitution of our Synod, and its application for membership. There seemed to be a general disposition to receive our Synod at once with a hearty welcome. Several members of the Swedish Augustana Synod, however, raised objections. Our request, with accompanying papers, was therefore referred to a Committee of which Rev. Dr. Seip was Chairman. He invited the Augustana Delegates and all persons directly interested to meet with the Committee that evening. At that meeting, the Constitution was read, and all objections were patiently heard and answered. No fault could be found with any of the provisions of the Constitution. Objections were raised, however, because of certain provisions that were not in the document and were wanted by the objectors. The Committee, with the exception of the member from the Augustana Synod, recommended that our Synod be admitted. When the Committee brought in this report, the President of the Augustana Synod requested that final action be postponed until the matter could be laid before his Synod. Since he claimed that he made this request in the interest of peace and harmony, and since your President was privately informed that, if our Synod should be received at this Convention, the Augustana delegation would protest and carry that protest back to their Synod,

therefore your President requested that final action on the Committee's report be postponed until the next meeting of the Council. This was done because he was confident that our Synod would not wish to be even an innocent occasion of the disruption of the General Council. It was then resolved that, pending final action on the report, the representatives of our Synod be granted the privileges of the floor. It is confidently expected that we shall be fully admitted at the coming Convention of the General Council at Fort Wayne, Ind.

Your President would gladly close his report here. There is another matter, however, that he must lay before you for your most earnest consideration. It is a matter that we cannot pass over without decisive judgment and action. It has caused your President the most painful anxiety and misgiving. The case is this:

It was charged at Buffalo that among the motives for organizing the new Synod was this: That one of its Congregations might receive a member who had been twice tried, found guilty, and excommunicated by an Augustana Synod congregation. Your President indignantly denied this charge and asserted that if there was any such intention on the part of any of our congregations, our Synod, as a Synod, knew nothing whatever about it. Such a thing had never been mentioned in any of the letters, deliberations or arrangements, nor at the meeting at which we were organized. He also expressed his conviction that the new Synod would not countenance any such disorderly conduct, but would be ready to respect the discipline of sister Synods.

While at Buffalo a letter was received from the Pastor of Memorial church, St. Paul, requesting him to meet the Council of that church on his return. He accordingly met the Council in the chapel of Memorial church on the evening of Thursday, October 23d. To his surprise and sorrow he found that the matter for consultation was a proposal, on the part of the Council, to receive the above-mentioned

excommunicated member into the communicant membership of Memorial Congregation. He earnestly advised and warned against such a step. He tried to show the brethren that it would be wrong in itself, subversive of all synodical comity and church discipline, and would be fraught with the most serious consequences to our whole English work in the Northwest. In spite of this advice and warning, the person in question was received into the communion of the church.

When your President was informed of this action, he at once wrote to the Pastor of Memorial church, expressing his sorrow and disapproval, and his purpose to lay the case before the Synod. At the same time he also wrote to the President of the Augustana Synod, informing him of the act of Memorial Church, of his previous warning against it, of his conviction that, while individual members of our Synod might thus disregard the discipline of other Lutheran bodies, our Synod would certainly not endorse it, and that he would lay the matter before our next Convention for action.

Since then your President has done everything in his power to have the wrong righted. He has consulted with different members of our Synod, as well as with wise counsellors in the East. He has endeavored, through writing to the Pastor of Memorial Church, and through him to the Church Council, as well as by personal interviews, to have the action in question reconsidered.

When all this failed, he requested, through the Pastor of Memorial Church, that he might officially visit and confer with the Congregation on the subject, and that to this end a congregational meeting might be called on the evening of Monday, May 16th, 1892. To this the Pastor at first assented, but on Saturday, May 14th, your President received a telegram that the meeting could not be held.

On the 16th of May, he went to St. Paul and again consulted the President of the Augustana Synod, the Pastor of

Memorial, and a leading member of the Council. He renewed his request for a congregational meeting to be called for Monday evening, June 6th. This also was refused. Thus ended the efforts to have the matter adjusted and to prevent the necessity of Synodical action.

Your President then, on June 3, 1892, again wrote to the Pastor informing him, and through him the Congregation, that he and the Congregation would in all probability be called upon to answer the following charges:

1st. They had adopted, with the other Congregations that formed the Synod, the Constitution of the General Council, and so made it part of the fundamental law of our Synod. They have violated Sec. 2, Art. III, of that Constitution.

2d. They have thus also violated Sec. 2, Art. V, of our Synodical Constitution.

3d. In refusing to permit the President to meet the Congregation, they have prevented him from carrying out the duties of oversight required of him in Sec. 2, Art. VII, of our Synodical Constitution.

And now your President submits this whole unhappy case, together with the correspondence involved, for your most serious and prayerful consideration.

Word has just been received from Rev. A. Steimle that he has resigned as Assistant Pastor of Memorial Church, St. Paul, the resignation to go into effect on or before Sept. 11, 1892.

And now, in all our deliberations and conclusions, may the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and may He establish the work of our hands upon us, yea, the work of our hands, may He establish it. Amen.

G. H. GERBERDING.

FARGO, June 15, 1892.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

BERNT JOHNSON, Treasurer,

In account with the ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

Sept. 22, 1891, to June 22, 1892.

RECEIPTS.

St. John's, Duluth, Rev. H. L. McMurray:

For Synodical Expenses.....	\$3 00	
For Home Missions	19 00	
		———— \$22 00

St. Mark's, Fargo, Rev. G. H. Gerberding:

For Synodical Expenses.....	\$5 45	
For Home Missions	83 48	
		———— \$88 93

Church of Redeemer, Milwaukee, Rev. W. K. Frick:

For Synodical Expenses.....	\$10 12	
For Home Missions	36 02	
For Foreign Missions.....	21 50	
		———— \$67 64

Memorial, St. Paul, Rev. A. J. D. Haupt:

For Synodical Expenses.....	\$2 40	
For Home Missions	56 75	
		———— \$59 15

St. Mark's, N. St. Paul, Rev. A. Steimle:

For Synodical Expenses.....	\$15 50	
		———— \$15 50
From Mr. Osterlind, St. Paul.....	5 00	
		———— \$258 22

DISBURSEMENTS.

Henry Beates, Treasurer G. C. E. Home M.:

For English Home Missions.....	\$173 25	
For Utah English Mission.....	11 00	
For Utah Icelandic Mission.....	11 00	
		———— \$195 25

W. H. Staake, Esq., Treas. G. C. Foreign M....	\$ 21 50
Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, Synodical Expenses.....	2 40
Rev. W. K. Frick, Sec'y, printing minutes.....	34 65
Rev. G. H. Gerberding, President, traveling expenses.....	4 42
Total	<u>\$258 22</u>

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The President appointed Messrs. Busby, Carlson and Miller, tellers. They reported the following as elected, the Treasurer upon the third ballot:

President—Rev. GEO. H. GERBERDING.

Secretary—Rev. WILLIAM K. FRICK.

Treasurer—Rev. WILLARD L. SMITH.

The President appointed the following

REGULAR COMMITTEES.

1. *On President's Report*—Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, Rev. W. K. Frick and C. A. Holt, Esq.
2. *On Auditing*—C. A. Holt, Esq., and Prof. E. D. Busby.
3. *On Reception of Congregations*—Rev. W. L. Smith, Rev. H. L. McMurray and Mr. J. P. Carlson.
4. *On General Council Minutes*—Rev. A. Steimle and Rev. R. L. Leatherman.
5. *On Statistics and Parochial Reports*—Rev. W. K. Frick.
6. *On Apportionment*—Rev. W. L. Smith and Mr. H. W. Knauff.
7. *On Excuses*—Rev. A. Steimle.
8. *On Traveling Expenses*—Rev. H. L. McMurray and Mr. H. Miller.
9. *On Examination of Protocol*—Rev. R. L. Leatherman and Mr. H. Miller.

WELCOME TO VISITING BRETHREN.

At this and subsequent sessions, the President welcomed to a seat in the Convention the following members of the Scandinavian Augustana Synod: Rev. Prof. R. F. Weidner, D. D., of the Chicago Theological Seminary; Rev. A. P. Monten, of West Superior, Wis.; and Rev. C. O. Cassel, of Duluth.

NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS

was given by several brethren, and the items were noted for future consideration.

The HOURS of the Business Sessions were fixed at 9 to 11:30 A. M. and 2 to 5 P. M.

Rev. A. Steimle and Rev. W. L. Smith were appointed to act as REPORTERS for the daily press, and the Secretary for the Church papers.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee would report having organized June 22, 1892, with the Synodical President and Secretary as officers. The report of the officers and the program of the public services and doctrinal discussion at this Convention were considered, and said program and a list of unfinished business in the minutes of 1891 are herewith submitted.

The moneys paid on apportionment were in every case accompanied by a designation of the object, hence no distribution (see Minutes, 1891, p. 27) was called for.

THE SECRETARY.

PROGRAM OF PUBLIC SERVICES.

See at the close of the Minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Omitting items elsewhere noted, we specify the following unfinished business in Minutes of 1891:

Page 26. Compilation of laws on Church property; is committee on, ready? Committee reported progress, and was continued.

Page 27. Seal; the committee on. Also continued.

Page 29. Expenses of delegate to General Council; how paid? By the offerings of friends in the East.

Page 29. Offering for Synod's emergency last year; did all our Congregations make one? Five did.

Page 30. Public notice of the opening of the Chicago Seminary; did the Pastors give it? Four did.

Page 31. Instructions to General Council delegates; were they carried out? The Synod not having been received, our Minutes were not reported on.

Page 31. Formation of Conferences; referred to this annual meeting. The matter was indefinitely postponed.

Page 31. Children's Day; has it been observed? Yes, in all the Parishes.

REPORTS ON VISITS TO CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

Synod having no official connection with any such, informal reports were made by brethren as follows:

Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, Bethesda Hospital, St. Paul.

Rev. W. K. Frick, Milwaukee Hospital.

Rev. A. Steimle, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn.

Rev. G. H. Gerberding, Lutheran Colleges in Red River Valley, Augsburg Seminary, Minneapolis, and Deaconess' Hospital, Grand Forks, N. D.

Rev. Dr. Weidner, Chicago Theological Seminary.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. R. L. Leatherman.

Second Session.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

Devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. Willard L. Smith.

The roll was called and the minutes read.

Dr. Weidner was further heard on the Chicago Seminary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

I. We recommend that as a Synod we unitedly give thanks to Almighty God for his gracious preservation of health and life, for the rapid spiritual and financial growth of the Synod and for the inspiring success of the Chicago Seminary during this, its first year; and humbly pray a continuance of these divine mercies.

II. We rejoice that, however humbly and indirectly, this Synod has been instrumental in God's hands of awakening our fellow Lutherans of the Northwest to the necessity of English work, believing that only as the Lutheran church provides the rising generation with the gospel in English, can she hope to perpetuate her existence and attain her proper rank and influence in America.

III. Inasmuch as the Chicago Seminary is a direct benefit to our Synod,

Resolved, That the work and needs of the institution be presented to our people, and a collection be lifted for its benefit in all our churches, and that the several Societies and

Sunday-schools in our Congregations be requested to unite in the support of one student.

IV. In the matter of our application for admission to the General Council, we commend the wise and conciliatory course of the President, and instruct him to press for a speedy and favorable decision.

V. We recommend the reference of so much of the President's report as refers to Memorial Pastor and Congregation to a special committee of three to examine the matter and report to the Synod as soon as possible.

A. J. D. HAUPT,
W. K. FRICK,
C. A. HOLT.

Adopted.

The President then appointed as special committee on Memorial Church case:

Rev. H. L. McMurray, Rev. W. L. Smith and Prof. E. D. Busby.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's report would report that they have examined it and found it correct. They recommend that it be received.

C. A. HOLT,
E. D. BUSBY.

Adopted.

Adjourned, with prayer, to meet after the evening service.

Third Session.

THURSDAY, 9:40 P. M.

The special committee on the Memorial Church case presented a report, which, after protracted dis-

cussion and amendment, and the unanimous adoption of the first item, was left unfinished at the hour of adjournment, 10:45 P. M.

Closed with prayer by Dr. Weidner.

Fourth Session.

FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

The President led in the devotional exercises, reading Ps. LI. Hymn 25 was sung.

The regular order of the morning (Doctrinal Discussion, see Minutes of 1891, page 31,) was deferred to the afternoon, and the Memorial Church case was resumed. The committee's resolutions, as amended, were adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL CHURCH CASE.

Inasmuch as Memorial Congregation is the oldest and most important Congregation in our Synod, and inasmuch as it has been the most earnest and active in works of love and benevolence and in the promotion of the English Lutheran work in the Northwest, we very reluctantly offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st, That we, as a Synod, cannot enter into the merits of the case of the excommunication of the person in question, but must confine ourselves to the fact of his reception by Memorial Church while under sentence of excommunication, and to the charge of violating the constitution of the General Council and of our Synod; as also to the refusal of Memorial Church to permit the President of Synod to confer with the Congregation on this matter.

2d. That, after having heard the answer of Memorial Congregation to the charges, not less than six months' time be granted Memorial Congregation for a reconsideration of her former action.

3d. That a committee of three be appointed to confer with the Congregation at the earliest convenience of the Congregation and committee, with reference to this unhappy affair.

4th. That, if Memorial Church will not reconsider and will positively refuse to make proper concessions, it be indefinitely suspended at the next meeting of Synod.

H. L. McMURRAY,

W. L. SMITH,

E. D. BUSBY.

Adopted, and the following Committee of Conference elected:

Rev. G. H. Gerberding, Rev. H. L. McMurray, and Rev. R. L. Leatherman.

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

In the absence of any applications for ordination or admission, neither the Committee nor the Ministerium was convened.

W. K. FRICK,

Chairman.

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO GENERAL COUNCIL.

Incorporated in the President's report. (See page 7.)

The Synod then elected the following

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL:

PRIMARII.

Rev. G. H. GERBERDING.
Ex-Officio.

M. O. HALL, Esq.

SECUNDI.

Rev. W. K. FRICK.

A. C. BEHNE, Esq.

Adjourned, with prayer by Prof. Busby.

Fifth Session.

FRIDAY, 2 P. M.

Opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. A. Steimle. Matt. v. 1-13, read. Hymn 468 sung.

The special order of the afternoon was the reading of

A PAPER ON "THE NEW CHURCH BOOK, AND HOW TO USE IT,"

by Rev. William K. Frick. The first part was read.

The Committee on Apportionment reported. Pending the consideration of the report, Synod, at 3:30 P. M., adjourned in order to accept an invitation tendered by M. O. Hall, Esq., to take a drive about the city.

Sixth Session.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

Devotional exercises, consisting of John VI. 22-40, Hymn 9, and the Morning Suffrages, were conducted by Rev. W. K. Frick.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

At the last meeting of Synod, the recommendation was adopted that as far as possible one dollar (\$1.00) per communicant member should be contributed by each Congrega-

tion for synodical and charitable work. In our examination of the statistics we find that \$1.21 has been contributed for mission and benevolent work. We note with pleasure that some Congregations have contributed much more than their quota, and with regret that some have fallen behind. We would commend the first, and would urge upon those that have fallen behind that they make an effort to fulfil their pledges.

We would recommend the same apportionment this year for Educational, Mission, and General Synodical work.

We would recommend also that hereafter only such moneys as pass through the hands of the Synodical Treasurer be credited on apportionments.

W. L. SMITH,
E. D. BUSBY.

Report, with recommendations, adopted.

(Prof. Busby substituted for Mr. Knauff, who had returned home.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

Pastors.....	7
Congregations connected with Synod.....	6
Congregations not connected with Synod.....	1
Churches and Chapels:	
Brick, 2; frame, 6.....	8
Church property:	
Value.....	\$88,800 00
Indebtedness.....	46,368 75
Parsonages.....	3
Communicants in Synod (gain 87).....	430
Communicants in all Congregations (gain 98).....	455
Baptised membership.....	680
Infants baptised.....	69
Adult additions:	
Baptism.....	3
Confirmation.....	43— 46

Letter.....	31
Profession.....	47— 78
Total gain of Communicants.....	124
Loss of Communicants:	
Dropped.....	14
Removed.....	12— 26
Net gain.....	98
Sunday Schools.....	9
Teachers and officers.....	83
Pupils.....	825—908
Gain.....	252
Apportionment of 1891-92.....	\$357 00
Paid on apportionment of 1891-92, through Synodical treasury:	
For Synodical expenses.....	\$36 47
For Home Missions.....	210 28
For Foreign Missions.....	31 55
	\$278 30
For education.....	40 00
For local missions.....	60 00
For other charitable work.....	65 00
	\$443 30
Paid towards traveling expense fund.....	22 38
Paid for Congregational expenses.....	5,233 44
Total contributions.....	\$5,699 12
Increase over last year.....	\$1,112 00

*For particulars, see PAROCHIAL REPORTS for year from October 1, 1891, to June 5, 1892.

St. Mark's, Fargo, has paid off its debt.

There are no parochial schools reported.

W. K. FRICK.

On motion of Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, only the aggregate value and indebtedness of church property is to be printed in the Minutes.

AMENDMENTS

to the By-Laws and Parochial Blank are to be handed to the Secretary for submission next year.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES.

Your Committee has examined the Minutes of the last Convention of the General Council, held at Buffalo, October 15-20, 1891, and recommends the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That we rejoice in the completion of the new edition of the CHURCH BOOK, and that we direct the attention of our congregations to the new Order of Evening Service therein contained, commonly designated as the Vesper Service, and urge its adoption wherever practicable.

2. Since the matter of collecting funds in Congregations and Sunday-schools for the cause of Church Extension was referred to the District Synods, we, although not yet admitted to full membership in the General Council, would, nevertheless, recommend to our Congregations the observance of a Church Extension Day, with a special offering, to be made whenever possible, at a special Children's Service.

A. STEIMLE,

R. L. LEATHERMAN.

Adopted.

INSTRUCTIONS TO GENERAL COUNCIL DELEGATES.

The delegates are instructed to urge on the General Council:

1. To appoint a traveling missionary for the Northwest.

2. To pay special and speedy attention to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and West Superior, Wisconsin.

VISITOR TO THE UNITED NORWEGIAN CHURCH.

On motion of Rev. A. Steimle, President Gerberding was appointed visitor to the next meeting of the United Norwegian Church.

REPORT OF ARCHIVARIUS.

The Archivarius has on hand twenty-five copies of Minutes and forty-five of the Synodical Sermon of 1891.

W. K. FRICK.

Judge Winge having invited Synod to enjoy a sail in his private yacht, and view the launching of the whaleback steamers at West Superior, Wis., Synod, on motion of E. A. Holt, Esq., accepted the kind invitation, and adjourned until evening.

Closed, with prayer by Rev. A. J. D. Haupt.

Seventh Session.

SATURDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. L. Smith. Hymn 266. Psalm LXXXIV. Evening Suffrages.

The minutes of preceding sessions read and approved.

The President announced the recent death of Dr. Mann, and appointed Revs. Haupt and Frick to prepare a minute thereon.

Rev. W. K. Frick concluded the reading of his

PAPER ON THE NEW CHURCH BOOK.

Time failed for a discussion of it, but Synod requested its publication in "The Lutheran Church Review."

DOCTRINAL DISCUSSION.

On motion of Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, the doctrinal discussion will next year take place on the afternoon of the second day (Friday.) The basis will be a paper on the Ministerial Acts of the New Church Book, to be prepared by Rev. W. K. Frick.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE RECEPTION OF CONGREGATIONS.

No applications were received, hence the committee was not convened.

COLLECTIONS.

On motion of Rev. H. L. McMurray, the Congregations are requested to take up collections during the coming year for Education and Home Missions.

It was also resolved that a collection be taken up at to-morrow morning's service for Synodical expenses.

Rev. A. J. Haupt presented, and Synod, by a rising vote, adopted the following:

Minute on the Decease

of the

Reverend Professor

William Julius Mann,

D. D., LL. D.,

FOR TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS PROFESSOR IN THE EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT PHILADELPHIA,
ASSOCIATE EDITOR OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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PHILADELPHIA.

Born at Stuttgart, Germany, May 29, 1819.

Died in Boston, Mass., June 20, 1892.

The sad news reaches us that another of the original faculty of the Philadelphia Theological Seminary has passed to his reward. The noble heart of our esteemed professor and friend, Dr. Wm. J. Mann, is stilled. He who doeth all things well has called him from his earthly labors to his heavenly rest.

Every clerical member of the Synod of the Northwest sat at his feet. It is therefore befitting that we as a Synod express our deep sorrow at the heavy loss which we, together with the whole Church, have sustained in the death of so great a scholar, so thorough and able a professor, and so earnest and zealous a Christian gentleman.

We likewise give utterance to our gratitude to Almighty God for the gift to the Church and the world of this noble and pre-eminently useful life, and for the great privilege of learning wisdom and catching inspiration from his lips.

Though he rests from his labors, yet his works do follow him.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRAVELING EXPENSES.

Your Committee on Traveling Expenses beg leave to submit the following:

We find that \$22.38 was collected as a traveling expense fund, and that \$8.60 was contributed privately, making a total of \$30.98; and that the traveling expenses of the several brethren, clerical and lay, amount to \$55.35, leaving a deficit of \$24.37, or \$2.44 per member.

1. We recommend that the deficiency be met by equalizing the expenses.

2. We recommend that hereafter each congregation make an earnest effort to defray its share of the traveling expenses to each Synodical Convention, and that the offering of the Sunday preceding each Convention be devoted to this purpose, to be kept separate and distinct from the Synodical Fund.

3. We recommend that the Treasurer be empowered to pay the expenses of the delegates to the coming Convention of the General Council, provided they attend all the business sessions.

Adopted, with its recommendations.

The Secretary was instructed to insert a Traveling Expense Fund column in this year's Parochial Report.

MINUTES.

The Secretary rendered his account for the printing of last year's Minutes:

EXPENDITURES.

For printing Minutes.....	\$65.00
For printing extra Sermons.....	12.00
For expressage, etc.....	3.27
	\$80.27

RECEIPTS.

From sale of Sermons.....	\$26.15
From advertisements.....	12.50
From former Treasurer.....	34.65
From present Treasurer.....	6.97
	\$80.27

It was resolved to print one thousand copies of the Minutes, to be distributed as last year.

On motion of Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, the reply of Memorial Church to the President's charges is not to be inserted in the printed Minutes.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION OF
PROTOCOL.**

As the Committee found no written Minutes to examine, they recommended, and Synod authorized, the purchase of a blank book for the Protocol.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXCUSES.

Your committee would congratulate the Synod on the full attendance of members of this Convention, all the Pastors and all the Lay Delegates save one being present. The Delegates of the Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, were unable, on account of business, to attend, and we move that they be excused.

A. STEIMLE.

Adopted.

On motion of Rev. H. L. McMurray the Synod expressed disapproval of brethren's leaving the Synod without excuse.

TELEGRAM FROM THE MISSIONARY SUPER-INTENDENT.

PHILADELPHIA, June 26.

Rev. G. H. GERBERDING:

Phil. 4:21—"Salute every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren which are with me greet you." The Board mans Sioux Falls and grants Busby.*

W. A. PASSAVANT, Jr.

*As summer supply for the President's pulpit.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Invitations for the next meeting were received from the churches at West St. Paul, Fargo, and Milwaukee. That of the Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, was accepted.

The time is Wednesday, June 7, 1893.

THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod are tendered to St. John's Church for unbounded hospitality, to M. O. Hall, Esq., and Judge E. L. Winge for the pleasant excursions around the boulevard and across the bay, and to the daily press of Duluth for their full and correct reports of our proceedings; and that the President read this resolution to the Congregation at the public service to-morrow.

Adopted.

The President announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Executive Committee—The Officers of Synod, *ex-officio*.

Examining Committee—Revs. W. K. Frick, H. L. McMurray, A. J. D. Haupt, and A. Steimle.

Archivarius—The Secretary.

The Minutes of the closing session were read and approved.

At 10 P. M. the Synod adjourned. The President conducted the Closing exercises according to the Order of the Church Book, all uniting in Hymn 274: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God."

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee."

"God be merciful unto us and bless us: and cause His face to shine upon us."

WILLIAM K. FRICK,
Secretary.

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Religious Services.

Wednesday Evening: OPENING SERVICE.

Synodical sermon by Rev. G. H. Gerberding, President, on John xxi. 16. "The Spirit and Work of our Ministry." Administration of the Lord's Supper.

Thursday Evening: EDUCATIONAL MEETING.

Rev. G. H. Gerberding, presiding.

ADDRESSES:

Rev. Prof. R. F. Weidner, D. D., Chicago Theological Seminary, "The Need of an Educated Ministry."

Rev. G. H. Gerberding, "The Lutheran Church an Educating Church."

Rev. W. K. Frick, "Beneficiary Education."

Friday Evening: FOREIGN MISSIONARY MEETING.

Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, presiding.

Addresses by Revs. W. K. Frick and A. J. D. Haupt on the Rajahmundry Mission, India.

(Rev. J. Telleen, Supt. G. C. For. Missions, detained by visits to Eastern Synods, arrived too late to address Synod.)

Sunday Morning: DIVINE SERVICE.

Rev. A. Steimle preached on Rev. vii. 15-17, "Scenes from a World of Glory."

Sunday Noon: CHILDREN'S SERVICE.

Addresses by Revs. Leatherman, Haupt, and Gerberding.

Sunday Evening: HOME MISSIONARY MEETING.

Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, presiding.

Topic, "The Field and How to Work It;" Revs. McMurray, Leatherman, Frick and Haupt.

Other Sunday Services:

Rev. W. K. Frick preached in the Swedish Lutheran Churches of West Superior, South Superior, and Central Park (Superior), Wis., Rev. A. P. Montan, pastor. Rev. G. H. Gerberding preached in the West Superior Swedish Church in the evening. Rev. A. Steimle preached in Bethania Swedish Lutheran Church, Duluth, Rev. C. O. Cassel, pastor.

On Saturday evening the members of the "Northwestern Alumni Association of the Philadelphia Theological Seminary" present at Synod met, and elected as officers for the ensuing year, Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, President; Rev. Prof. E. G. Lund, Vice-President; Rev. H. L. McMurray, Secretary; and Rev. C. B. Lindtved, Treasurer. In view of the difficulty connected with assembling at another time and place, it was decided to meet in connection with the Synod of the Northwest. The officers and Pastor *loci* are to be a Committee on Program. Prof. E. G. Lund was appointed to read a paper at the next meeting.

COLLECTIONS, 1892-3.

"Every man, according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for the Lord loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. ix. 7.

Synodical Treasury.

Traveling Expense Fund.

Education:

Chicago Theological Seminary.

Theological Student in same.

Home Missions.

Parochial Reports, October 1, 1891, to Sabbathday, June 5, 1892.

CONGREGATIONS.			Church Buildings.		Summary of Members.			MEMBERSHIP.									
Number.	NAME AND PLACE.	Organized.	Erected.	Material.	Parsonage.	Communicants.	Baptized Membership.	No. of Persons Com- muned During Year.	Additions during year.							Loss dur'g year.	
									Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	Children Received.	Confirmation.	Letter.	Profession.	Restoration.		Death of Communi- cants.	Death of Children.	Dropped.	Removed.
1	MINNESOTA. Memorial, St. Paul St. Luke's Sunday School St. Anthony Hill Sunday School	1883 1891 1891	1885 1891	Brick Frame	..... .....	150	247	131	10	28 35	15	3	16 ..... .....	..... ..... .....	1	14	5 19
2	Trinity, West St. Paul	1886	1887	Frame	.....	63	104	43	12	1	.....	7	1	.....	.....	.....	3
3	St. Mark's, North S. Paul B.	1890	1887	Frame	.....	17	37	9	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7
4	St. John's, Duluth	1890	1891	Frame	Yes	53	61	34	10	.....	3	7	2	8	1	.....	2
5	NORTH DAKOTA. St.-Mark's, Fargo	1891	1886	Frame	Yes	53	71	41	19	.....	.....	2	7	7	1	.....	3
6	WISCONSIN. Church of Redeemer, Milwaukee	1890	1890	Brick	Yes C	94	129	63	10	2	54	12	10	16	.....	.....	.....
7	Total Church not connected with Synod. Salem, Minneapolis, Minn.	 1889	 1889	 Frame	..... ..... .....	430 25	649 31	321 25	62 7	3120	43 2	23	47 8 .....	..... ..... .....	3	14	39
	Grand Total A.	.....	.....	.....	.....	455	680	36	69	3122	43	31	47	.....	5	14	39

Number.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF PASTOR.	EDUCATIONAL. Sunday Schools.				Apportionment for 1891-92.	CONTRIBUTED.							
		No. of Sunday Schools.	Teachers and Officers.	Pupils.	Average Attendance.		Synodical Treasury.	Traveling Expense Fund.	Educational.	General Council Home Missions.	General Council For- eign Missions.	Local Missions.	Other Charitable Work.	Congregational Ex- penses.
1	MINNESOTA. A. J. D. Haupt, 747 Portland ave., St. Paul. A. Steimle, Associate Pastor H, 747 Portland ave., St. Paul.	1	16	145	81	\$135 00	\$2 40	\$8 06	\$40 00	\$45 00	\$10 05	\$40 00	\$34 25	\$1,821 79
		1	8	53	38					5 75				112 96
		1	7	47	47					2 50				\$1,133 84
		3	31	245	186	\$135 00	\$2 40	\$8 06	\$40 00	\$53 28	\$10 05	\$40 00	\$34 25	\$3,068 59
2	W. L. Smith, 464 Clint'n av, St. Paul	1	12	100	85	57 00		2 80		15 00			6 00	280 45
3	Served by Memorial Pastors.	1	2	21	16	20 00	15 50			3 50				91 61
4	H. L. McMurray, 317 Lake ave. N., Duluth.	1	8	100	60	37 00	3 00			19 00				590 00
	NORTH DAKOTA. G. H. Gerberding, 319 N. 8th st., Fargo.	1	10	165	85	39 00	5 45	4 35		83 48		20 00	10 00	145 00
	WISCONSIN. W. K. Frick, 381 21st st., Mil- waukee.	1	14	130	90	55 00	10 12	7 17		36 02	21 50		14 75	757 79
	Total, - - -	8	77	761	502	\$343 00	\$36 47	\$22 38	\$40 00	\$210 28	\$31 55	\$60 00	\$65 00	\$4,933 44
7	R. L. Leatherman, 2809 Harriet ave., Minneapolis.	1	6	64	48	14 00								300 00
	Grand Total,	9	83	825	550	\$357 00	\$36 47	\$22 38	\$40 00	\$210 28	\$31 55	\$60 00	\$65 00	\$5,233 44

A. See report of Committee on Statistics, page 20. B. Memorial Charge includes St. Mark's, N. St. Paul; Rev. A. Steimle labored specifically in this church and St. Luke's Mission. C. Rented by the Congregation for revenue. D. Includes some children, adjusted in statistical report. E. Basis \$1.00 a member in 1891. Traveling expense fund not credited in apportionment. F. In part for theological student. G. Includes building of chapel. H. Resignation takes effect Oct. 1, 1892.

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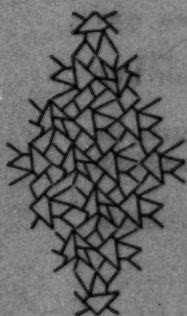


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English Evangelical Lutheran Church
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